

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE CHRISTIAN EXAMINER. September, James Miller.

The article of greatest interest in the new number of the "Examiner," in the Rev. O. B. Frothingham's Address delivered in July last before the Graduating Class of the Cambridge Divinity School. It treats of the somewhat heretical subject of the Christian ministry, in its relations to the present developments of philosophy, science, and social life, but in the hands of Mr. Frothingham it is clothed with a fresh vitality, and treated with impressive originality and emphasis. The leading thought of the Discourse is that the function of the highest intellect of the age is to abolish the separation between things human and things divine; and the apparent result is the cessation of a ministry of reconciliation.

There is nothing more interesting, to reconcile. The atomistic theory of the universe, it is made from the beginning. The atomism is laid in the nature of things. The cry, therefore, is, that the prophet shall give up his ghost of a mission; that the preacher shall abandon his pulpit; of a calling; shall put an end to his ministrations of a special kind. A number of young ladies will be received in the family and welcomed to share in all the comforts and privileges of a pleasant home.

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The Fifth Edition of *Familiar Quotations*, by JOHN BARTLETT, is published by Little, Brown, & Co. The value of this well known authority is enhanced in the present edition by the results of the later researches of its editors, and the contributions of various linguistic amateurs, who have succeeded in throwing light on the origin of many current phrases. The Appendix abounds in curious learning and racy criticism, illustrative of the history and the significance of numerous expressions in common use, and showing the fidelity and completeness with which the task of the editor has been performed.

The *Hermits*, by the REV. CHARLES KINGLEY, republished by J. B. Lippincott & Co., is chiefly valuable as an illustration of the social condition of the Roman Empire, and of the origin of the great monastic movement of the fifth century of the Christian era. Men were tempted to leave the pursuits of active life, and fled into the desert, on account of the intolerable despotism of the Government, and the universal corruption of morals and manners. The Roman citizen was liable, at any moment, to be dragged to torture under the dominant military rule. In the municipal towns, the officials maintained no higher standard of purity than the judiciary and Common Council of New York. The working classes were in a state of degradation and misery to which no parallel can be found even in the vilest slums of a modern metropolis. Private profligacy was carried to an indecent, almost inconceivable extent. Even the clergy were unable to make any decided stand against the vices of the age. Though free from the grosser forms of licentiousness, they were the slaves of avarice and luxury, devoted to secular intrigues and party spirit, and often taken in the snare of foolish women of fashion, of whom they had become the object of flattery. Such was the state of things which drove such numbers of the people into desperation, and inspired them with a passion for a new and strange form of suicide. In the present volume, which is composed of ancient biographies of some of the most famous hermits, a striking picture is presented of an order of men, who were regarded in their day as divine prophets, and who were followed with an admiration and trust which partook of the enthusiasm of worship. The lives are given in literal translations from authentic originals, which are claimed by Mr. Kingsley, as genuine histories, and free from all suspicion of being mere religious romances. They certainly throw a brilliant light on a remarkable manifestation of human nature, and may be read with instruction and profit as specimens of morbid psychology.

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A new edition of the *Pictorial History of the United States*, by BENSON J. Lossing, continuing the work until March of the present year, is published by Belknap, Hartford.

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The Natural Wealth of California, by TITUS FEY CRONINE (San Francisco); H. H. Bancroft & Co., is a comprehensive treatise on the history, geography, natural history, industrial resources, business and social relations, and other important features of that State.

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COMER'S Navigation Simplified (Harper & Brothers), is intended as a manual of practical instruction in navigation, adapted to the wants of the sailor. It contains an exposition of the main principles of the science, without the extraneous matter and bulky tables generally found in works on the subject.

The Lives of the English Cardinals, by FOLKSTONE WILLIAMS, republished from the English edition by J. B. Lippincott & Co., fills an unoccupied place in modern literature with a singularly attractive group of historical characters, including the English princes of the Roman Church from Becket to Wolsey.

A new and improved edition of EMERSON's *Internal Revenue Guide*, has been published in Springfield, by Samuel Bowles & Co. It forms, in fact, a new work, containing all the revenue laws now in force, with copious and instructive annotations on the new act passed by Congress in July of the present year.

John Wiley & Son have republished a treatise on *Amiline and its Derivatives*, by M. REIMANN, edited by WILLIAM CHODKOW, F. B. S. The volume is translated from the German, with such additions as were suited to its needs in this country. E. H. WELLS, 30 Broadway, N. Y.

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A Plea for Christian Union, by ALFRED NEVIN, D. D., presents an earnest appeal for the unity of the Church, on the ground of the doctrinal on which all evangelical denominations agree. The main points of belief, as stated by the writer, on which Church Union can be securely built, are those which have formed the subjects of embittered dogmatic controversy in every age, and which have received different explanations at Heidelberg and Westminster, at Geneva and Durt, and at Andover, Princeton, and New-Haven.

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